

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 9-16 and 23 are all the claims pending in the application, prior to the present Amendment.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 9-15, and 23 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if amended to overcome a formal objection.

In particular, claims 2, 3, 9-15 and 23 have been objected to as being informal because, according to the Examiner, in line 10 of claims 2 and 3, the term “by mass” should be added after the ratio “30/70”.

In response, applicants have amended claim 3 as proposed by the Examiner. Applicants have canceled claim 2. Accordingly, applicants submit that claims 3, 9-15, and 23 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Begin-Colin et al.

As discussed above, applicants have canceled claim 2. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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